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PASS MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
WASHINGTON, D.C., L. C. PAINE, OFFICE MARKET DEVELOPMENT
FROM SOMECK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BUTTERFLY VALVES

1. REFERENCE IS TO OMDNY O'DONNELL'S LETTER TO ME SENT
TOKYO IN JUNE CONCERNING NYC PURCHASE AROUND 40 BUTTERFLY
VALVES THROUGH MARUBENI AND STATUS OF SHIPMENT VIA AMERICAN
FLAG.

2. DO NOT HAVE COPY OF REFERENCED LETTER WITH ME AND
CANNOT RECALL ALL PARTICULARS. HOWEVER, I HAVE JUST BEEN
INFORMED THAT GROUP OF NYC OFFICIALS ARRIVING TOKYO NEXT
WEEK TO INSEPCT COMPLETED VALVES. ALSO THAT A BOARD OF
NYC WATER COMMISSIONERS IS MEETING THIS WEEK NYC TO DECIDE
SHIPPING PARTICULARS.

3. AS YOU AWARE AEL ARE KEEN ON SECURING THIS CARGO AND
ARE MAKING ALL ENDEAVORS TOWARD THIS END DESPITE FACT THAT
UNOFFICIAL RUMORS ARE THAT BARBER LINE MIGHT RECEIVE
PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.

4. PLEASE VERIFY IF NYC OFFICIALS ARE TO VISIT JAPAN
AND ADVISE WHETHER I SHOULD CONTACT THEM. IF POSSIBLE
ADVISE OUTCOME WATER COMMISSIONER MEETING. YOUR TELEGRAM
TO TOKYO SHOULD BE DISPATCHED NO LATER THAN FORENOON
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SEPTEMBER 16TH AS I PLAN RETURN TOKYO THIS WEEKEND WHEN
I SHALL MEET WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR AEL HAMILTON.

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